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May 2009

Mark your calendar for the following Spring & Summer Events!!

May 16 th	Central Park	Griffith Police Extravaganza
June 6 th	Downtown	Cruise Night
July 4 th	Broad Street	4 th of July Parade
July 11 th	Central Fire Station	Fireman's Ball
July 15 th	Central Park	Movie
July 18-19 th	Central Park	35 th Annual Park Full of Art
July 22 nd	Central Park	Swing Shift Orchestra
July 25 th	Central Park	Los Cordoba Band
July 29 th	Central Park	Movie
July 31 st	Central Park	NWI Symphony
August 12 th	Central Park	Movie
August 22 nd	Central Park	Downtown Sound
August 29 th	Downtown	Rock & Rail Festival w/ Elvis Impersonator
Sept. 26-27 th	Central Park	Boy Scout Craft Festival

Griffith Police Extravaganza: On Saturday, May 16, 2009 the Griffith Police Department will hold their Extravaganza at Central Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. This is a family oriented program, which will include a pepper spray demonstration, K-9 demonstrations, vehicle extrication, and a helicopter that can be toured. Refreshments will be available.

Park Department: The Park Department has once again started selling memorial bricks. The inscribed bricks will be placed in Central Park along the interior sidewalks. Any questions please call the Park Department at 922-3078.

Lawn Maintenance: With the mowing season upon us, the Department of Public Works would like to remind residents of Town Ordinance 26-53, which states all homeowners must routinely maintain their lawns. Any property in town that is in violation of this ordinance may result in monetary fines.

Smoke Testing: The Department of Public Works has begun a Smoke Testing and Manhole Survey Project. This helps locate the sources of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system, which will improve our sewer operations and make them more cost effective. Crews will notify residents prior to testing in their area by hanging yellow door tags on their doors. Please follow instructions located on the yellow door tag. **Workers will not enter homes.** The test smoke used is harmless and there is no fire or health hazard.

Spring Clean Up: Allied Waste will hold their annual “Spring Clean Up” on Thursday, May 14th. This allows residents to place an unlimited amount of trash out for collection. However, items such as, tires, concrete, roofing shingles, hazardous materials, and yardwaste will not be accepted. If you have items containing CFC’s please contact Allied Waste at 662-8600 prior to Monday, May 11th to insure proper disposal. All refuse must be in containers or bundled weighing no more than 60 pounds.

Hazardous Waste Drop Off: The Lake County Solid Waste District will hold their hazardous waste disposal program on **Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the Griffith Public Works Facility, 134 S. Colfax. The following items will be accepted: Auto & household batteries, cleaners, oil based paint, solvents, fertilizers, pesticides, poisons, oil, antifreeze, mercury and mercury containing products, gasoline, kerosene, aerosols & corrosives, small propane tanks for portable grills, expired medications, sharps (medical needles). All sharps must be placed in a rigid plastic container, such as detergent/bleach bottles. Items that are **NOT accepted** are: latex based paint, explosives, ammunition, appliances, tires, radioactive waste, asbestos or any container 30 gallons or larger. The Hazardous Waste Schedule for 2009 can be found on the Town’s website: www.griffith.in.gov or call the Lake County Solid Waste District at 769-3820.

Griffith “SHRED FEST”: In conjunction with the Griffith Hazardous Waste Collection on **Saturday, June 6th**, the Town of Griffith will have document shredding **for Griffith Residents** from **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Griffith Public Works Facility, 134 S. Colfax. Quantities will be limited to Four (4) boxes per vehicle. Any questions, please call 924-3838.

Trash Containers & Recycling Bins: Due to the high winds there have been several reports of missing trash cans and recycling bins. Please do not place trash cans or bins out to the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday and remove them no later than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. Residents may also write their addresses on their trash cans and bins in order for them to be returned to the correct home. Another problem the town runs into this time of year is trash being strewn in alleys and streets because the cans are lacking proper lids. Please be sure that all cans are properly sealed in order to prevent animals from rummaging through trash. Plastic bags are required to be contained until the day of collection.

Friendly Reminder: Please remember to read the bottom of your utility bill for important dates and events. The back of the utility bill also has important information regarding your payment, explanation of charges and important phone numbers & e-mail addresses, along with office hours.

Utility Payments: These are extremely difficult times for all of us, including the Town of Griffith; however, we all must pay our bills. If you are having trouble paying your water/sewer utility bill please contact the Water Department at 924-7500 to set up a payment schedule to avoid shut off of service. The Town of Griffith is willing to accommodate our residents that are experiencing trouble paying their utility bills due to unusual circumstances.

Utility Payment Drop Boxes: Drop Boxes are available at the front and rear of the Griffith Town Hall. When using the drop boxes please put your check in an envelope and include either your account number or address on your check so your account will be properly credited.

Business Licenses: The cost for a business license is \$35.00 and home occupied businesses are \$10.00. Letters will be sent as a reminder. New businesses, throughout the year, are to come to the Town Hall and register. The license year runs from July 1 through June 30th. Licenses may be renewed after June 1, 2009.

Memorial Day: On May 25th, 2009, all town offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Please remember that yard waste and trash collection will be one day later that week.

Garage Sale Permits: Any resident planning to have a garage/yard sale must obtain a permit at the Griffith Town Hall. There is no charge for the permit.

Senior Center: The Senior Center has daily lunch programs available and many activities throughout the year. Any inquiries call 922-1405.

Building Permits: If you have any Spring/Summer projects planned please remember you may need a building permit. A few projects that do require permits are: swimming pools, replacement siding, roofing, windows, doors, fences, sheds, and driveways.

If a contractor is hired they must hold a Town of Griffith Contractor's License. If you are unsure if a permit is needed or if a contractor is licensed, please call the Building Department at 922-3091.



Dear Griffith Residents,

The Griffith Special Events Committee is seeking donations for the year 2009. 100% of the donations collected by GSEC defray the cost of patriotic, cultural, and family activities and events for the Town of Griffith at no cost to its residents. GSEC is an all-volunteer, non-profit group of more than thirty Griffith residents who donate their time and talent to sponsor these events. Our goal is to enrich the community life of Griffith and to promote fellowship and community spirit. We rely solely on donations from business owners, local organizations, and individual residents to achieve this goal.

GSEC Sponsored Events and Community Activities

East Egg Hunt with the Lions Club
Memorial Day Ceremony with the American Legion & VFW
Fourth of July Parade
Northwest Indiana Symphony Concert in Central Park
Creepy Crawler Night
Halloween Magic Show in Central Park
Christmas Decorations in Central Park and on light poles throughout town
USA and Indiana Flags displayed for patriotic holidays

Thank you in advance for your support!

Yes, I will help support with the many worthwhile events held by GSEC.

_____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ Other

_____ I would like to volunteer for the committee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to: Griffith Special Events Committee
P.O. Box 793, Griffith, Indiana 46319